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Boucetta to tour 4 Arab capitals

RABAT (R) — Moroccan Foreign Minister Mohamed Boucetta will tour Arab capitals from next week and might make a stopover in Cairo, Arab diplomatic sources said Wednesday. A foreign ministry spokesman said he had nothing to add to Mr. Boucetta's refusal, two days ago, to deny or confirm Arab press reports that he would include Cairo in a possible Arab tour. Morocco severed its diplomatic relations with Egypt in 1979 when the Cairo government was suspended from the 22-member Arab League because of its treaty with Israel. But King Hassan last month sent a message to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to congratulate him on the recovery of the Sinai.

U.N. committee on Palestine arrives

AMMAN (J.T.) — A U.N. special committee formed to investigate the situation in the occupied Arab West Bank and Israel's practices there arrived here Wednesday from Geneva for a week-long visit to Jordan. The committee members will meet with Jordanian officials and persons deported by the Israeli occupation authorities from their homeland and gather information about Israel's arbitrary measures against the Arab population and its violations of human rights. They will also visit Schneller and Baq'a refugee camps in the course of gathering information about the situation in the occupied territory. The committee was formed by the U.N. General Assembly on Dec. 16, 1981.

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Egyptian military delegation visits Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — An Egyptian military delegation is on a visit to Jordan to study problems facing Egyptians who have not done military service. The delegation, led by Brig. Ahmed Farag from Egypt's recruitment office, arrived in Amman last Saturday and plans to spend two weeks here to settle such problems, according to the head of the Egyptian interests section in Amman, Nabil Badr. Egyptians working abroad sometimes fear going back home because they believe they may be regarded as evading military service and liable to arrest, Mr. Badr said. He stressed that the delegation had no other mission whatsoever.

Tindemans in Cairo

CAIRO (R) — Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans arrived here Wednesday for what he described as a new assessment and evaluation of the situation in the Middle East. Mr. Tindemans, who has already been to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, said in an airport statement on arrival from Brussels: "I come in order to make a new assessment and evaluation of the Middle East. We shall see... what Europe can do," the current president of the European Economic Community (EEC) Council of Ministers said. In reply, Egypt's Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali called on the EEC to assume a more active role in the search for a Middle East settlement and praised the European community for its constructive policy in the region. "We look forward to our forthcoming talks with deep interest that reflects our full appreciation of the constructive role Europe has played and can further contribute," he said. Mr. Tindemans drove straight to the Omraha presidential palace for a meeting with President Hosni Mubarak.

Genscher to visit Israel in June

BONN (R) — West German's foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, will visit Israel next month in a bid to improve strained relations between the two countries, the foreign ministry announced Wednesday. A spokesman said Mr. Genscher would travel to Israel on June 2 for three days of talks. Relations between Bonn and Israel were shaken last year when Prime Minister Menachem Begin, during a campaign for re-election, made personal attacks on Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Algerian arrives in Iran to probe Benyahia's death...

LONDON (R) — Algeria's Transport Minister Salah Goudjil arrived in Tehran Wednesday to investigate a plane crash in which Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammed Benyahia died two days ago. Mr. Goudjil is heading a 40-man mission which will also escort back to Algeria the foreign minister's body and those of 14 other people who died with him.

...as Iranian investigators defect to Turkey

ANKARA (R) — Two Iranian army officers and an Iranian helicopter pilot flew across the border into Turkey Tuesday night and asked for political asylum, senior military sources said here Wednesday. They said the three men and some Iranian officials had flown to the scene of Monday night's air crash in which the Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammed Benyahia was killed while on his way to Tehran. The helicopter dropped Iranian officials at the site of the crash, just inside the border, before taking off again and crossing into Turkey, the sources said. They said the helicopter, carrying two lieutenants and its pilot, was allowed to land in the Turkish city of Van about 100 kilometres west of the border where they asked for asylum. Government and military officials in Ankara and Van refused to confirm the reports. Turkey has in the past been embarrassed by a number of similar defections as it seeks to preserve good relations with Tehran.

Hassan receives Austrian minister

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan received in his office Wednesday Austrian Interior Minister Eric Lant and his accompanying delegation. During the meeting the two sides discussed ways of bolstering cooperation between Jordan and Austria in various fields.

The meeting was attended by Interior Minister Ahmad Obaidat and Austria's Ambassador to Jordan Arnold Moebius. The visiting Austrian minister also Wednesday called at the army headquarters where he met with Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. They discussed topics of interest to both countries.

Mubarak flies to Sudan today

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak flies to Khartoum Thursday for talks with Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri on Middle East developments and bilateral relations, a presidential spokesman said Tuesday.

Mr. Mubarak is expected to return home on the same day, foreign ministry sources said. Mr. Numeiri who supported Egypt's policy with Israel was expected to try and improve relations between Egypt and the rest of the Arab World.

In addition to Sudan, only Oman and Somalia maintained diplomatic relations with Cairo after its 1979 U.S.-sponsored Camp David treaty with Israel.

Signs of an Egyptian-Arab reconciliation were recently intensified after Egypt regained the Sinai Peninsula from Israel last month. Last week, His Majesty King Hussein and Morocco's King Hassan exchanged messages with President Mubarak marking a possible end of four years of estrangement between Cairo and the Arab states.

Beirut carbomb injures 4

BEIRUT (R) — Four people were injured when a booby-trapped car exploded Wednesday near the house of Lebanon's Muslim leader Mufli Hassan Khalid in Aramoun in southern Beirut, security sources said.

Last week a Muslim religious leader was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in West Beirut and a Maronite priest was gunned down in Aley, east of Beirut. Two other people died in a shooting incident inside a Maronite church in Tripoli in northern Lebanon on Sunday.

President Elias Sarkis denounced the latest violence against Muslim and Christian leaders.

The wave of criminal actions was directed at fomenting sectarian strife in Lebanon and striking at its unity, he said.

Queen chairs meeting on '82 Jerash Festival

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor on Wednesday chaired a meeting of the Higher National Committee of the Jerash Festival to discuss preparations for this year's activities which are going to take place on Aug. 12.

At the meeting an initial JD 150,000 has been allocated for the nine-day festival and the amount will be covered from the festival's proceeds. The committee members discussed the festival's programmes and activities which include, among other things, plays, Arab and foreign musicals and folkloric shows in addition to handicraft, painting and book exhibitions.

Several subjects connected with

ensuring services for the festival as well as transportation, food, car-parking and traffic organisation were discussed.

Queen Noor expressed satisfaction at the arrangements and preparation made so far and called for intensifying efforts to make the festival a success. She also stressed the need for cooperation among various public and private organisations involved in the festival's activities so as to demonstrate the country's cultural, developmental and technical achievements and the nation's aspirations. Another committee meeting under Queen Noor will be held on June 1 to follow up discussion of the festival's various aspects.

CAEU, PLO sign agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — The Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) will help the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to carry out statistical surveys pertaining to the Palestinian people, in accordance with an agreement signed by both sides here Wednesday.

Under the agreement, the CAEU will help the PLO in conducting field surveys, organising

training courses and establishing regional offices in this field.

The agreement was signed by CAEU's Deputy Director Mohammad Al Sharif and PLO Economic Department Director Mohammad Abu Koush.

Officials from both sides attended the signing ceremony at the CAEU headquarters in Amman.

NCC body to meet Tuesday

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Consultative Council's (NCC's) West Bank Affairs Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday to discuss the committee's activities and its future programmes. The meeting will be the first by the committee formed after the recent formation of the council.

Morocco, Oman stress need for Arab solidarity

MUSCAT (R) — Morocco and Oman have agreed to try to end inter-Arab differences and to create a suitable atmosphere for early reconvening of an Arab summit conference in Morocco to achieve Arab solidarity, a joint communique said.

The communique was issued at the end of a Gulf tour by Moroccan Prime Minister Maati Bouabid. One recurrent theme of his press statements during the trip was the need for Egypt's return to the Arab camp following Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai.

The communique made no direct reference to this, but said all possible effort should be made to achieve Arab solidarity.

A summit was held in the Moroccan city of Fez last

November, but was adjourned after disagreements on a Saudi Arabian peace plan for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The two states expressed deep concern over the worsening situation in the Middle East because of Israeli aggressions in the occupied West Bank, the Gaza Strip and southern Lebanon, and called for Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab territories.

They also voiced deep concern over the Iraq-Iran war. They supported international and Islamic efforts to end the conflict and urged the warring countries to seek a negotiated settlement.

They condemned "the foreign invasion of Afghanistan" and demanded the withdrawal of the invading forces.

Iraq: Iranians trapped at bridgehead

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iranian troops, who have established a bridgehead west of the Karun River in Iran's southern province of Khuzestan, are now collapsing, an Iraqi military spokesman said Wednesday.

The Iranians crossed the river last Friday at the start of a new offensive aimed at driving the Iraqis out of Khuzestan and turning the tide in the 20-month-old Gulf war.

The spokesman, quoted by the Iraqi News Agency (INA), said Iranian soldiers were surrendering in thousands.

Referring to Iran's continued reinforcements across the Karun, INA said the Iraqi tactics had been to lure as many Iranians as possible into a pocket west of the river and then destroy them in an attack which began on Monday.

Iraq Tuesday attacked the Iranian bridgehead with fighter planes and helicopters.

Iraqi fighter planes flew 115 sorties over the area, scoring direct hits on Iranian troop con-

centrations, tanks and other vehicles, the Iraqi high command said in a communique issued by the INA.

In a separate report, INA said Baghdad Television interviewed a captured Iranian Phantom jet pilot who told viewers Syria had allowed Iranian planes to attack Iraq from behind by crossing its air-space.

The agency said that to do this the planes would have to cross Turkey.

Iranian children presented to media

Meanwhile, Iraq presented 23 Iranian children to journalists in Baghdad, saying they were captured—some of them wounded—on the Gulf war front last week.

The children, who have their ages as between nine and 15, said they belonged to first aid units and had taken no part in the fighting.

They spoke Farsi and were interviewed through a government interpreter at the defence ministry.

'A generation which grew up under occupation is showing how much they hate it'

Palestinians on brink of desperation, Bethlehem Mayor Freij warns Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — A Palestinian mayor has warned that a mood of desperation is spreading in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories and condemned the Israeli army for repeatedly opening fire on Palestinian demonstrators.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij was referring to the latest wave of protests in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip against the Israeli occupation.

Mr. Freij said: "The resistance of the young (Palestinians) is growing. A generation which grew up under Israeli occupation is showing how much they hate it."

"The use of guns against schoolchildren cannot be justified in a civilised society," Mr. Freij said, referring to Tuesday's shooting in a Gaza schoolroom when Israeli soldiers opened fire on slogan-chanting students killing a 17-year-old girl and wounding six others.

Another 14-year-old girl died Wednesday in hospital three days after being shot in the head by an

Israeli civilian whose car was stoned by demonstrators. The Israelis have refused to disclose the identity of the civilian nor have made public if any action has been taken against him.

The current unrest dates back to last February when the occupation authorities closed the West Bank University of Birzeit and escalated after Israel dismissed three elected Palestinian mayors who refused to cooperate with the occupation authorities.

Last week the Israelis dismissed a fourth mayor. On Wednesday other Municipal leaders issued a warning reiterating a call for the dismissed official's reinstatement.

The remaining 26 mayors published a notice in local Arabic newspapers saying they would halt municipal services from Saturday unless their colleagues were given back their elected posts.

Rashed Al Shawa, mayor of Gaza town also criticised the Israeli army for opening fire on Palestinian demonstrators.

Mayor, Shawa told reporters:

"In Poland they use water to disperse crowds. A country that claims to be civilised like Israel uses bullets instead."

He said the occupation authorities had become tougher because Palestinian populace was resisting more strongly.

"People have now lost hope and become desperate," he said.

The occupied West Bank was quieter today but in the Gaza Strip soldiers fired on demonstrators in the Jebaliya refugee camp wounding two Palestinians.

According to sources, the trouble started when crowds threw stones and a molotov cocktail at troops manning an Israeli post inside the camp.

Meanwhile, four Palestinian youths were killed by an explosion in the West Bank Wednesday when a mine they were handling blew up, Israeli military said.

The death toll of Palestinian teenagers in the latest wave of anti-Israeli unrest now stands at 17.

Both Mr. Freij and Mr. Shawa

said they feared the violence was still escalating.

Israel defends actions

On the other hand, Israeli Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan defended his soldiers' methods when he appeared before a closed committee of the Knesset (parliament) on Wednesday.

According to Israel Radio, he said that a full inquiry had been conducted into every fatal shooting and in no case had soldiers overstepped their orders for handling unrest.

Several committee members, among them former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, were quoted as asking Gen. Eitan whether there were alternative methods of "control" to firearms.

An Israeli army spokesman told Reuters that the special investigations department of the military police conducted an inquiry into every serious shooting incident involving soldiers. Their reports are not published.

Sheffield's loss prompts Britain to seek peace...

LONDON (R) — With Britain stunned by the loss of a destroyer in the Falklands conflict, Foreign Secretary Francis Pym said Wednesday the government was actively working on new ideas for peace encompassing an early ceasefire.

But he told parliament that Argentina withdrawal from the disputed Falkland Islands must be part of any truce.

And he raised the possibility that the islands could be handed over to the trusteeship of the United Nations as one way forward to resolving the issue of sovereignty.

Mr. Pym said the military losses suffered by both Britain and Argentina emphasised the urgent need for a diplomatic solution to the conflict, which flared after Argentine forces seized the British colony in the South Atlantic a month ago.

He said he was in close touch with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig on the new ideas, which combined proposals from both Mr. Haig and the President Fernando Belaunde Terry of Peru.

Most members of parliament were still shocked by the loss of the destroyer Sheffield, set ablaze by a powerful missile fired by one of Argentina's new French-built Super Etendard fighter-bombers off the Falklands on Tuesday.

The attack on the 3,500-tonne Sheffield was seen as retaliation for the sinking of the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano by a British submarine two days previously.

The defence ministry put casualties at 87 dead, missing or wounded from a crew of 280

aboard the £23 million destroyer, one of five in a British naval task force despatched to blockade the Falklands.

Defence Secretary John Nott, reporting to the House of Commons, gave no death toll but said 30 men were still missing.

Mr. Nott discounted reports of another naval battle going on around the Falklands on Wednesday.

The defence minister said he did not know why the Sheffield's sea dart ship-to-air missiles did not shoot down the Argentine plane.

...as Argentines hail 'revenge'

BUENOS AIRES (R) — The Argentine military command remained silent Wednesday on the attack on the British destroyer Sheffield but newspapers hailed the operation as a big success for Argentina.

Official communiques from the high command made no mention of the knocking out of the Sheffield, but Argentines crowded around news stands to read of the

successful attack.

Many Argentines said the operation had avenged the loss of the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano, which sank after being torpedoed by a British submarine.

Hundreds of survivors from the General Belgrano began arriving at the southern port of Ushuaia Wednesday amid stringent security precautions.

The survivors were brought to

Ushuaia aboard the rescue ship Gurruchaga and the Chilean oceanographic research vessel Piloto Pardo.

The official news agency Telam reported their arrival but did not say how many survivors were aboard the two vessels. The daily Clarin quoted naval sources as saying 400 were brought ashore.

Lufthansa to resume Baghdad flights, may stop flying to Iran

BONN (Agencies) — The West German airline Lufthansa announced Wednesday it will resume flights to Baghdad and said it was considering stopping flights to Tehran.

A Lufthansa communique said, following the decision by Iraqi officials to permit commercial flights in and out of Baghdad, it would resume flights from May 7.

The German airline's flights to Baghdad was stopped in September 1980 as war broke out between Iran and Iraq.

The communique also said, news agency reports that Lufthansa's flight from Frankfurt to Tehran on Monday was attacked

"are not correct."

The scheduled flight carrying 150 passengers was forced to return to Ankara early Monday when Iran suddenly closed its air space. About the same time, a plane carrying Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammed Benyahia crashed in northwestern Iran.

Tehran said the Lufthansa plane had been chased by Iraqi fighters but the airline said it had not been chased, nor shadowed, nor fired upon.

Lufthansa said the pilot had received flight clearance before leaving Ankara for Tehran, but was abruptly told not to enter Iranian air space.

Iranian rebels kill 5 officials

LONDON (R) — Leftist guerrillas killed five Iranian officials in a machine-gun attack on a government building in Tehran Tuesday, Iran's national news agency IRNA reported Wednesday.

The office of the Mujahadeen-e-Khalq told Reuters by telephone from Paris that their gunmen had killed at least 20 officials inside the building.

IRNA admitted that the attack was carried out by the Mujahadeen who are fighting to bring down the fundamentalist regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The agency said the gunmen fled after the shooting. It described the dead as "committed Muslims" and said several other employees had been wounded in the shooting.

The attack followed raids by security forces on the Mujahadeen hideouts in Tehran two days ago when they killed or arrested at least 50 leading guerrillas of the organisation.

A spokesman for the Mujahadeen said the building, a charity fund in north Tehran, was occupied during the shooting by the guerrillas who managed to escape with cash and documents.

The spokesman said the dead were "top officials responsible for expropriating assets of the people."

The Mujahadeen also said their guerrillas attacked a high school in Tehran Tuesday, killing five education officials.

The commander of revolutionary guards, Mohsen Reza'i, told IRNA that 90 per cent of the Mujahadeen organisation had been smashed in recent attacks by his guardsmen.

Benyahia leaves behind diplomatic vacuum in Algeria

RABAT (R) — The death of Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammed Seddik Benyahia in a plane crash near the Turkish-Iranian border Monday night leaves Algeria with the problem of replacing a man of supreme diplomatic skills.

Mr. Benyahia, who managed in just three years to overshadow his predecessor Abdelaziz Bouteflika a man who personified Algeria's leading influence among the non-aligned nations for more than 15 years — was respected as an efficient diplomat who preferred to work in secret.

His skills became known to the whole world when his tenacious diplomacy as intermediary between Iran and the United States resulted in the release, in January

1981, of 52 U.S. hostages held for 444 days at the American embassy in Tehran.

Algerian President Chadli Benjedid's choice of a replacement could be between three leading Algerian diplomats — Information Minister Boualem Bessaïeh, Ambassador to the U.S. Redha Malek and International Court of Justice Judge Mohammad Bedjaoui.

Mr. Bessaïeh, 52, has been information minister since July 1980. A member of the central committee of the ruling National Liberation Front, he has held a number of ambassadorial posts.

Mr. Malek, 51, regarded as close to Mr. Benyahia, is a former information minister, who was associated with Algerian-French negotiations for Algeria's inde-

pendence in 1961-62. He also a member of the Algerian team which obtained the release of the U.S. hostages.

Mr. Bedjaoui, a lawyer of 53, was justice minister between 1964 and 1970 before becoming his country's ambassador to France and the United Nations. He was elected judge at the International Court of Justice last March.

Iraq sends condolences

President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has sent a message of condolences to President Benjedid, Baghdad Radio said.

He said: "We received with pain and regret news of the death of Foreign Minister Mohammed Benyahia and a number of his colleagues."

"We are further saddened since he was preparing to carry out a noble task in the service of peace," the Iraqi leader added.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig also paid tribute to Mr. Benyahia, for helping negotiate the release of American hostages from Iran in 1981.

Warren Christopher, the former deputy secretary of state who was the main U.S. negotiator during the hostage crisis, also credited Mr. Benyahia with being "more responsible than any other single person" for the safe return of the Americans.

Mr. Haig in a message to President Benjedid, said the Algerian diplomat's death was "an irreplaceable loss to world diplomacy."

Saudis to consider buying British Nimrod radar jets

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia, which has ordered five U.S. advanced radar aircraft, will also consider buying British Nimrod early warning planes, Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz was quoted Wednesday as saying.

Saudi Arabia borrowed four U.S. air force Airborne Warning And Control System (AWACS) radar planes soon after the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq began in 1980 and is buying five under an \$8.5-billion arms deal with the United States.

The weekly magazine Al Yamama reported that Prince Sultan said Saudi Arabia would seriously discuss buying the Nimrod when production of its early warning version started, according to

the official Saudi Press Agency.

The early warning version of the Nimrod maritime reconnaissance aircraft, built by British Aerospace, is expected to enter production shortly. It will have a similar function to the AWACS and be able to detect hostile aircraft at long range and guide fighters and missiles trying to shoot them down.

Prince Sultan also said Saudi Arabia welcomed the idea of buying Leopard Two tanks from West Germany but had not ordered any. Bonn this week relaxed foreign arms sales guidelines that had prevented it selling tanks to Saudi Arabia, but the new rules gave no indication if such a deal could now go ahead.

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Mrs. In'am Al Mufti (far left), the minister of Social Development, looks at one of the art works on display at the Samir Rifa'i school exhibition which opened Sunday (Petra photo)

Talented students' works shown in Amman multi-field exhibition

By Nujoud Goussous
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Samir Al Rifa'i School opened its first "multi-field exhibition" last Sunday May 2 under the patronage of the Minister of Social Development In'am Al Mufti. The idea of the exhibition which was first suggested by the Ministry of Education and distributed to all government schools in the Kingdom aims to show the people in Jordan the achievements of the most talented students in Jordan's government schools. The exhibition deals with paintings, murals, books and calligraphy, Jordanian industrial achievements, folklore, handicrafts, and new designs of scientific experiments devised by students, plants and children's clothes.

What attracts the visitor as he first enters the school is the big, very old tent in the yard (play

ground), where students of bedouin origin and of both sexes sit wearing traditional bedouin costumes, serving coffee and *laban* (a kind of yoghurt which is a by-product of the bedouin butter-making process) and performing traditional dances. Mr. Ahmad Kreishan the official of the Ministry of Education in charge of this activity said commenting, "Coffee has always been the call for Arab meetings in the past, and after all cup of Arabian coffee can solve a big problem!"

Going into the school building, on the first floor you are met by murals depicting the government schools' achievements. Afterward one immediately notices the large paintings by students hung everywhere. Jordanian artists like Yaser Dweik, Abd Al-Ra'ouf Sham'on, Khalil Tabbara and many others helped with these paintings where many kinds of unconventional materials and accessories were used along with

paint of course; these included emulsion, wool, coal, flower-sun-dried raw materials from different factories in Jordan, like cloth, iron, and carpet accessories.

It was also novel to have an exhibition where the paintings were either murals or of mural size and style.

Mrs. Subeila Dajani of Samira Al Rifa'i School told the Jordan Times in the end a general idea about the exhibition saying, "Our school was chosen because it is new, as is the idea of the exhibition, because the Ministry of Education found it most suitable for what the different schools have to exhibit, and also because the teachers here accepted to work overtime for no extra pay on the exhibition." She added, "The exhibition will end Friday 7 but we might let it go on for two more days as people seem to like it very much; maybe one week of the exhibition was not long enough to give it justice."

Amman YWCA offers much more than flower shows

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The "Four Seasons in Bloom" is the theme for the Young Women Christian Association's (YWCA) tenth annual flower show, which is being held under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Zein, the honorary president of the association, on May 6 and 7 at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. The YWCA is the pioneer in organising flower shows in Jordan, as it has been in many other fields since it was founded in 1948. As is the case with all the YWCA's activities, the show was initiated in order to both fill a need in the community, especially in relation to women, and to raise funds to keep the association's other services to society viable.

It was the influx of refugees in 1948 to Jordan that created the first real need in the country for the services of the YWCA, and Mrs. Julia Awad from the Jerusalem YWCA took up the challenge. After recruiting a few members, she and her fellow founders began meeting as a group to prepare parcels (over 4,000) of second-hand clothes to give to the refugees, to make and give out milk to the children, to visit them in their new homes and many other innumerable services. Two years later in 1950, during which time the association had grown considerably, it was officially recognised and Queen Zein graciously accepted to become the honorary president.

It was also at this time, when the refugees started to settle, that the YWCA thought its chief activity was to organise itself. A centre was rented and courses in home economics and sewing were started to help young women find work and independence. To aid working girls away from home, beds were provided in the small hostel.

The association continued to grow. With donations from citizens and money from the World YWCA in Geneva, a new centre was built in 1960 on land purchased next to the Spanish embassy in Jabal Amman. At the new centre, the Vocational Training Courses (VTC) were expanded to include typing, shorthand and languages. More beds were added to the hostel while social activities flourished and diversified.

In 1966 the YWCA established another centre at Wadi Al Nasser. This successful venture, which provided sewing, English classes and a nursery for local women was brought to a sudden end by the 1967 war. The demands of the new refugees consumed all the time and energy of the association members, and their premises was temporarily turned into an emergency centre.

Two years later, a much expanded YWCA membership created the need for yet another new building. In 1969 they bought the old Orthodox Club building in Jabal Amman, which is presently used as their headquarters, for VTC, as a nursery school and social centre. The old centre is exclusively used now as a hostel providing accommodation for 45 young working women.

The YWCA of Jordan consists of five branches in Amman, Husn, Madaba, Jerusalem and Jericho. Representatives from each branch form the YWCA of Jordan Council, which has its own separate activities. The most important and successful of these activities in 1981 was the visit the council arranged in cooperation with the American Arab Cultural Foundation of 15 young Arab-American students to Jordan and the West Bank "for the purpose of reacquainting them with their country of origin". With help from both Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, and from the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, the students spent 20 days sightseeing, helping in work camps and listening to lectures and discussions, while staying at the homes of YWCA members.

Other council activities include participating in YWCA conferences abroad (last year they went to Canada and Zimbabwe) and meetings and seminars here in Jordan. Future plans of the council include the establishment of new centres in Ashrafieh and Irbid.

Active branch

The Amman branch of the Jordan YWCA is a very active one. As well as providing the previously mentioned facilities of VTC — in which at present around 70 students train for 11 months a year in 15 different subjects ranging from office practice to telegraph and shorthand — a hostel, a nursery school, a girl reserves club, scholarships and many social events, the council has initiated three important new projects: the refugee centre at Baq'a camp, the youth club and the choir.

Because the old prefabricated nursery school at Baq'a camp was falling to pieces, it was decided to



Director of the YWCA's branch at the Baq'a refugee camp speaks to mothers about future lectures which are held monthly.

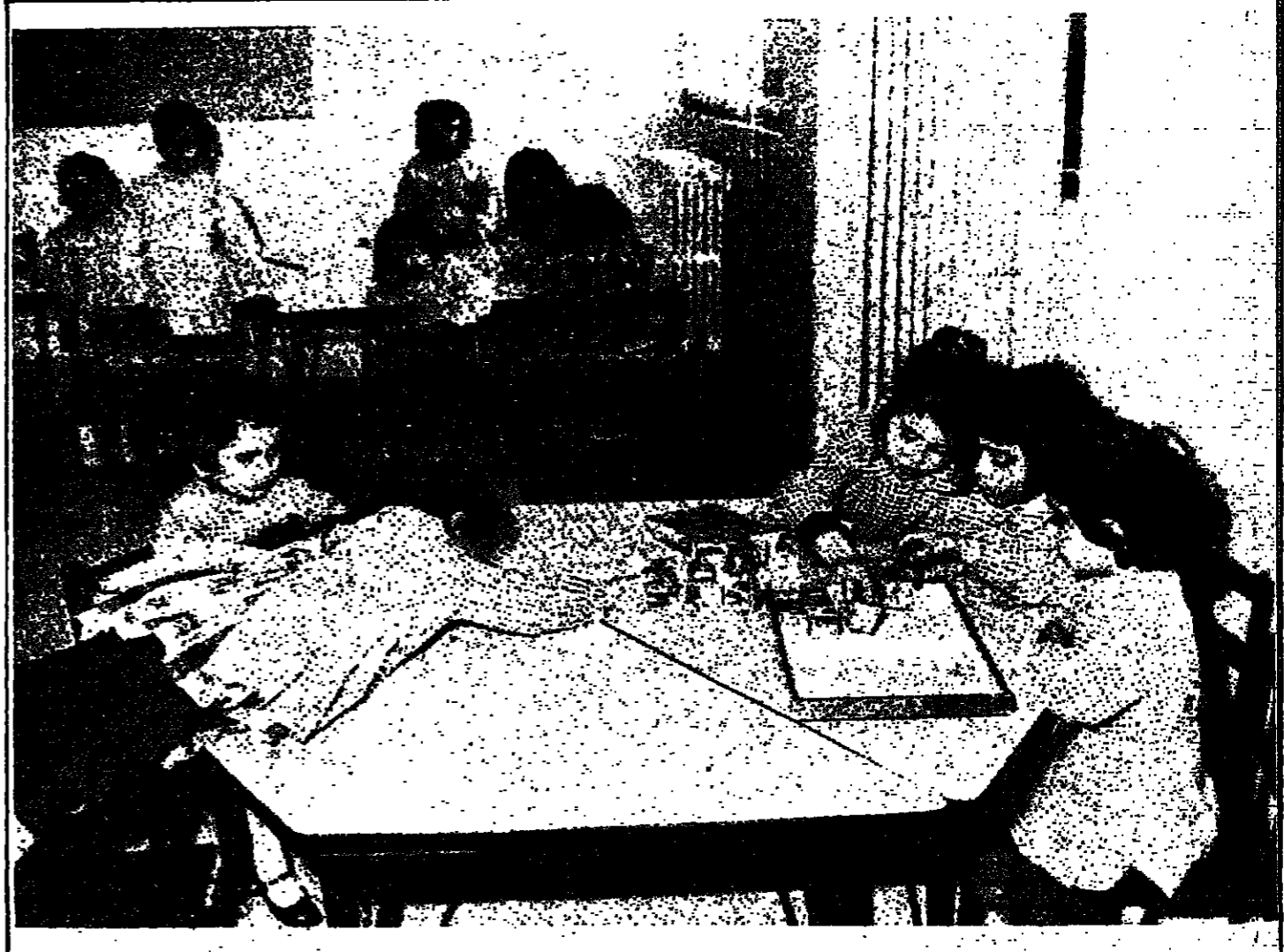
build a new, more permanent centre for the nursery plus "an additional building for another project to serve in uplifting the social, economic and intellectual standards of camp women and to serve the family as a whole and not only the child". Consisting of three major parts — the nursery, the VTC centre and a large multi-purpose hall — the centre was completed last summer, with funds from Jordanian and other Arabs. As well as the children's club and nursery, its other facilities include a children's library and lectures for mothers on health, hygiene and child care. Future programmes will include courses in machine weaving, beauty treatment and secretarial work.

The youth club of the Amman branch of the YWCA consists at present of 100 young men and women. Aged between 20-28 their aim is to render services to community; and last year they helped many disabled and handicapped children.

The Husn branch will soon have its new building completed and its activities and courses are expected to flourish. At present, however, it provides, among other things, training in knitting for local women, a nursery school, which provides free meals for its 37 children and for children from outside, and special studies for high-school children in physics and mathematics.

The same kind of facilities are provided by the Madaba branch which is also expanding to a second floor on its existing building. The Jerusalem branch, the oldest in the area, provides a vast amount of diverse activities which range from folkloric dancing to courses in Arabic for foreigners. The highlight of their annual events are the summer camps at Ramallah.

The Jericho branch, like all other branches of the Jordan YWCA, is well organised, clean and run under proper administration. Its staff and volunteers work hand in hand to instill new ideas and services for the community.



Above: Pupils play at the YWCA's Madaba nursery school, while picture below shows the youth orchestra of Jerusalem's branch.



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I don't need to list to you here the advantages of the small screen, what I would like to mention is how much the Jordan Television can be surprising.

I would not be telling you something new when I say that in the past a long feature film or a series appearing on the small screen would be interrupted by the 11:00 O'clock news nor would I be telling you something new when I say that sometimes these films are simply not continued after the news and that you must go to bed frustrated not knowing the end of the story.

But sometimes also the Jordan television forgets that it is not a radio and broadcasts endless interviews or even monologues of people who are more often than otherwise unphotogenic.

But let's be fair, we are often spoilt by our national television which offers us fresh international productions and which gave us the opportunity to watch some masterpieces of the small screen and even of the larger one.

Jordan Television can also be for us a valuable source of information. This is how Saturday night, while comfortably seated in front of my television watching with delectation the masterpiece of Shakespeare, Anthony and Cleopatra I was dazzled to discover that at the time of Cleopatra the dollar was already in circulation... Believe me.

Charmian, the counsellor of Cleopatra while having her palm read was being told that she could if she wanted have one million children and the Arabic subtitles on our small screen read: "You could, if you want, have one million dollars."

Yes it is definitely interesting to learn that Americans were already known at the time of Julius Caesar and that their currency was in circulation in Egypt.

Royal Court thanks citizens for offering condolences

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Hashemite Court extends thanks and appreciation to all the Jordanian citizens who participated in expressing their noble feelings and condolences on the passing away of the late Sharif Hussein Ibn Nasser, by attending the funeral procession or by offering their condolences to members of the Hashemite family at Raghadan Palace or by sending cables and wreaths.

The Royal Court prays Almighty God to watch over His Majesty King Hussein and to protect the homeland and the citizens.

Hassan Ibrahim appointed acting foreign minister

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal decree was issued Wednesday appointing Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim as Acting Foreign Minister.

Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem is now in Morocco taking part in the sixth meeting of the Jerusalem Committee and the meetings of the Jerusalem Fund Board.



Lebanese ambassador to Jordan Marcel Nammour (left) hands the medal to Mr. Moheisen formerly Jordan's charge d'affaires in Lebanon.

Former Jordanian envoy to Lebanon decorated

By Samira Kassar

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Former Jordanian Charge d'Affaires in Beirut Hisham Al Moheisen received the Lebanese medal of Al Arz (Cedar Tree) of the first order on Wednesday in recognition of his many services to strengthen Lebanese-Jordanian relations.

Mr. Moheisen was kidnapped on Feb. 6, 1981 from his Beirut apartment, when 20 armed assailants machine-gunned their way into the building, killing a Jordanian body guard. Two different pro-Syrian groups claimed responsibility for the kidnapping at the time, and one of them bearing the name of "Eagles of the Revolution" threatened to kill Mr. Moheisen unless Syrian pilots who had sought political asylum in Jordan were returned to Syria.

Mr. Moheisen was released in Mid-April, 1981, and returned to Amman to be reunited with his wife and two-year-old son on April 16 of that year.

Lebanese Ambassador Marcel Nammour, who decorated Mr. Moheisen, praised bilateral relations and described them as "brotherly and excellent."

Mr. Moheisen expressed his thanks for the decoration and said it will always be a source of pride to him.

The decoration ceremony was attended by several Foreign Ministry officials and Arab ambassadors.

Nuclear scientist offers his services to Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — George Salaytah, a Jordanian expatriate scientist, who is also director of the atomic research laboratories of the U.S. Chevron Oil Company, has expressed his readiness to participate in any scientific research needed by Jordan.

Mr. Salaytah, currently on a visit to Jordan, holds a Ph.D in nuclear physics and lectured at the university of Dallas until he became the dean of the faculty of nuclear physics in 1971. He has published about 50 research papers on atomic and nuclear reactions and on gamma rays.

The Jordanian professor had received a \$0.25 million from NASA to participate in studying Lunar rocks. During his teaching career at the university, Professor Salaytah delivered numerous lectures on nuclear energy, and gamma rays and their application in oil industries, natural resources, nuclear fission and other fields.

Turkey, Jordan to improve trade

AMMAN (Petra) — The assistant of the Turkish Economy Advisor at the Turkish embassy informed the Amman Chamber of Industry of Turkish Minister of Commerce Kemal Canturk's decision to establish a special section at his ministry to facilitate contacts with Jordanian businessmen wishing to make business deals with Turkey.

The chamber of commerce invited Jordanian businessmen seeking import facilities from Turkey to contact this new section.

Mayors visit Yarmouk University

IRBID (Petra) — Mayors and Directors of Chambers of Commerce in Jordan called Wednesday at Yarmouk University and met with its President Adnan Badran. They were briefed on the university's development, and future programmes.

Dr. Badran also paid tribute to the municipalities and chambers of commerce for their support and assistance to Jordanian universities, enabling them to pursue their mission.

The group later toured the campus, inspected the various installations and saw a documentary film on the university's activities.

CAEU ends 2-day meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) ended a two-day meeting at its headquarters here Wednesday after reviewing the council's activities and the implementation of its resolutions since Dec. 1981.

A special CAEU nine-member committee forming the council's permanent representatives heard a report by the council's Secretary-General Fakhri Qadouri about steps taken to implement resolutions adopted at the last ministerial meeting of the Arab Economic Council (AEC).

The report also included CAEU's activities and efforts aimed at implementing the AEC's agreement, launching joint Arab economic projects and efforts to get more Arab States to join AEC's membership. The committee also discussed the agenda of CAEU's 39th session which will be held in Amman at the level of ministers of economy, finance and trade on June 2.

The committee members are from Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Kuwait, North and South Yemen.

Badran warns of grave consequences unless the education system is revised

AMMAN (Petra) — Yarmouk University President Adnan Badran called Wednesday for a serious re-examination of Jordan's educational system, a reshuffling of the educational stages and diversification of types of education. There should be a reassessment of post-secondary school education so that the country can have a generation that would serve Jordan's various development needs, he said.

Dr. Badran who was delivering a lecture at Tyche Hotel in Amman on the invitation of the Lions Club warned of grave consequences if the present educational system is allowed to continue. "The educational pyramid should be reconstructed on a technical basis requiring students to have a compulsory preparatory education after which a proper system of distributing these students between university, intermediate or higher education should be introduced," Dr. Badran said. In his lecture entitled "Manpower and higher education in Jordan," Dr. Badran said Jordan has made big and rapid strides in education and in training; and it has really achieved what can be described as a genuine educational revolution.

He contrasted school graduates in the 1940s where the Salt Secondary School used to turn out 40 students annually with school graduates in the 1980s who number at nearly 40,000. At present schoolchildren in Jordan are nearly 800,000 constituting one third of the country's population.

He said the average school-goers in the elementary stage now reaches up to 92 per cent, and in the preparatory stage 85 per cent of the respective total numbers of children in each category. According to Dr. Badran there are 22 community colleges in Jordan at present with an enrolment of 12,000, and schools number about 2,800 (including 372 private schools) in addition to three universities.

Jordan's annual population growth, he said, is among the highest in the world; between 1960 and 1979 the rate was 4.9 per cent. Out of this population nearly 53 per cent is under 15 years of age and 63 per cent of the total Jordanian population lives in cities. Dr. Badran explained. Statistics have shown that 360,000 Jordanians are employed abroad and are making annual transfers that support the economy; but in contrast, out of the 470,000 Jordanian workers employed in the country there are 14 per cent employed in the agricultural sector, 13 per cent in mining and industry, 20 per cent in commerce and transport and 13 per cent in the construction sector. Despite this, Dr. Badran said Jordan has been importing skilled and unskilled manpower to help with its development.

Dr. Badran stressed the need for connecting education with development plans following the preparatory and secondary stages so that this will be closely linked with Jordan's economic, agricultural and industrial needs.

If the country fails to do that, he warned, social dislocation is bound to result, whereby generations of university graduates would be employed in work outside their fields of specialisation.



Dr. Adnan Badran, president of the Yarmouk University

Cabinet forms delegation to economic commission meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The cabinet Wednesday formed Jordan's delegation to the ninth meeting of the U.N. Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) which is due to start in Baghdad on Saturday.

In its five-day meeting, ECWA will review the implementation of its previous resolutions, cooperation among developing nations, and discuss the implementation of resolutions pertaining to the Palestinian people's economic and social conditions. Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour will lead the delegation to the meeting.

The cabinet also formed a delegation to the two-week meeting of an Arab permanent meteorological committee which is due to open in Tunis on May 24. The Arab League-affiliated committee will discuss ways of improving meteorological services and increasing cooperation among Arab states in this sphere.

Meteorological Department Director Ali Abanda will lead Jordan's delegation to the meeting.

Jordanian labour unions elect secretary and board

AMMAN (J.T.) — The General Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions Wednesday elected a president for its central council, a federation secretary-general and an executive board to serve for a new two-year term.

A total of 78 representatives of Jordan's 17 trade unions attended the election meeting at the federation's headquarters in Amman and elected 13 out of 21 candidates to serve as the new federation's new executive board members.

Out of these 13, union representatives elected Mr. Shaher Al Majali as the federation's secretary general.

The Federation's central council president is Mr. Sami Hassan Mansour who will be holding the post for the fifth consecutive term.

Jail sentences endorsed on Wednesday

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian citizen Yusuf Ya'qoub Al Dababneh has been sentenced for embezzlement by the military court to two and a half years in prison with hard labour. He will also pay a JD 1170 fine, half of the amount which he embezzled.

The court also sentenced Hussein Saleem Rizek Al Aqabi and Ibrahim Abdullah Al Zubaidi to 10 years in prison with hard labour and the payment of JD 3000 each for trafficking in Hashish.

The court however, acquitted a third man in the case Mohammad Saleemeh Al Huweiti for lack of evidence.

Furthermore, the court fined 39 merchants JD 40 each for violating Ministry of Supply regulations.

The military governor Wednesday endorsed the sentences.

Germans help Schneller school

AMMAN (J.T.) — On Wednesday, May 5, Mrs. Elisabeth Munz, wife of the German ambassador to Jordan, accompanied by Mrs. Emelie Nassar and friends donated an amount of JD 3,550 to the director of Schneller School, Reverend Hinkler.

This amount was the proceeds of the Easter Bazaar held on April 6 by the German Ladies of Amman under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Abla.

The money will help to maintain board and training for 250 Jordanian orphan boys and to promote vocational training activities at the school.

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- Exhibitions**
- * Paintings by Ibrahim Al Shalabi, at the British Council.
 - * Paintings by Munira Nuseibeh Tougan, opening at the Jordan National Gallery Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
- Film**
- * L'Armee des Ombres, starring Simone Signoret, at the French Cultural Centre at 7:30 p.m. Friday.
- Field Trip**
- * Organised by the Friends of Archaeology to Iraq Al Emir, Wadi Seer. Bring along a picnic lunch. Departure from the registration centre at 8:30 a.m.
- Hash House Harriers**
- * The Amman Hash House Harriers stage a run through the seven circles of Amman, starting at the 4th Circle at 10 a.m. Friday, as a sponsored charity.

Today's weather

It will be partly cloudy, with normal temperature. Winds will be northwesterly moderate to fresh at times. In Aqaba gulf, it will be hazy, with northerly moderate winds, and sea calm.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	7	19
Aqaba	13	27
Deserts	13	26
Jordan Valley	10	26

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 21, Aqaba 29. Humidity readings: Amman 40 per cent, Aqaba 33 per cent.

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Under, over, and deregulation

By Jawad Ahmad

Regulation as such, has during the last years become one of the top priorities for economists all over the world. It directly relates to the economic philosophy adhered to by the managers of a country. The interlocking of economic philosophy and regulation is quite evident even in countries which pursue a non-centralised decision-making process.

Since the accession of President Reagan and Mrs. Thatcher to power in USA and U.K. respectively, both have been following a model close to the one preached by Adam Smith, J.B. Say and J.S. Mill in the last two centuries. According to this model, prices and

quantities are allowed to fluctuate freely according to the forces of supply and demand. In the view of those adhering to this model, the previous *modus operandi* adopted by Democrats and Labour parties in USA and U.K. are suffering from over-regulation.

Thus, when the philosophy of "less government" is introduced, the first question that comes to mind is that of deregulation. Judging from readings on "Reaganomics", deregulation in the U.S. would mean lower taxes, lower subsidies, and a more thrifty budget. Automatically, such steps would mean less government intervention.

In the United Kingdom, similar measures were adopted. The reduction of social security and employment benefits brought a louder response in the U.K. than in the U.S. The Labour Party responded with vehement opposition which did not bear fruit. The lack of public response to the re-statement of social security benefits took out the edge from the Labour Party's outcries.

However, deregulation was meant to curb inflation. If prices are allowed to increase without intervention, they will eventually cause a rise in sensitivity to expenditures. Last month, it was reported in the U.S.A. that the cost of living

index for March went down by about 0.3 per cent for the first time in many years. Such a development was hailed as a fantastic success for President Reagan. This might not be the place to give credit i.e. the federal reserve system. It is however in order to say that should this trend continue, it would cause a shift in economic thinking.

All that Mr. Reagan now has to face is the recessionary impact of unemployment. To do this, he is now asking for interest rates to go down to 10 per cent. Does this mean a withdrawal from previous positions? Hard to tell now, but

time will show.

As for the U.K., both inflation and unemployment are still high. With the fighting going on in the South Atlantic, Mrs. Thatcher may to a certain extent trade unemployment for higher rates of inflation. This would depend on how the war proceeds, for how long, and at what level of intensity.

The decline in inflationary rates in the USA as well as the Falklands war may result in showing that both President Reagan and Mrs. Thatcher have been under-regulating their economies. Should the use of regulations in economy therefore be reinstated? I should have thought so.

Why is America silent?

LET US hear, now that 17 Palestinian schoolchildren have died in the West Bank and Gaza, from the preachers and the politicians of the American Congress who want to fight communism in the Middle East. Let us hear from the president of the United States himself, let us hear what he has to say about Israeli troops using \$2.4 billion in American aid this year to fire live ammunition into Palestinian schoolchildren demonstrating inside their schools for liberty and statehood. Let us hear what the American State Department has to say about yet another elected Palestinian mayor being dismissed by Israel. Let us hear from all the people of America whose money is being used every day to turn the occupied West Bank into a war zone, where the Arabs look into the eye of the enemy and see America standing behind that enemy and giving him money and guns.

Schoolchildren do not die to be forgotten

the next day. The Israeli practice of shooting into crowds of young schoolgirls with live ammunition is not one that is easily forgotten by the Arabs. When the time comes for retribution, the Arabs will want to deal both with Israel and with those people who give Israel the unconditional support that it enjoys. The anger and hate now being generated in the Arab World against America for its cheap, aggressive policies in this region one day will be translated into action, into a coherent response, and into an effort to regain the self-respect and the self-assuredness that the Arabs have lost during the past 30 years. We are counting the dead. We shall remember our schoolgirls who fell to Israeli bullets. We shall recall the words of American politicians.

Let us hear from the people of America and what they feel about Israeli bullets killing Palestinian girls in their schools. Why is America silent?

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

A shame

AL RA'I: At a time when the heroic uprising in the West Bank and Gaza is getting stronger, and while the Israeli terrorism is escalating claiming more innocent victims in the occupied Arab lands, one is stunned to see that Arab and international reaction is still the same.

The reaction has not exceeded a few lines which usually are followed internationally by suspect silence. Arab newspapers merely carry big headlines and some articles denouncing and condemning the Israeli criminal and inhuman practices. Thus the Palestinian people continue to sacrifice their blood in the usurped territories while Arab and international reaction continues to be expressed with a few drops of ink.

International indifference causes this strange reaction even stranger however, is the Arab reaction which should not continue to be so impotent and only expressed in a few lines. This Arab stand is as dangerous as the Zionist practices themselves. It is painful and humiliating to see that Arab commentaries to the events in the West Bank do not differ from articles and commentaries written about films and sports.

The martyrs who fall every day inside the wall of occupation is far more important than to be met with shouts from outside the wall. The question which poses itself is: Have the Arabs con-

templated any real action to stop the massacre being carried out in the West Bank and Gaza under their very eyes? It is true that the Arabs are fatigued with differences, but it is not possible for the Arabs to reach an agreement to save our kinfolk from the daily terror they are suffering?

In support of the Non-aligned

AL DUSTOUR: His Majesty King Hussein stressed Jordan's commitment to the Non-aligned Movement and Jordan's belief in the movement's ability to use international relations in the service of world peace. This assertion is a real interpretation of the balanced policy which Jordan has adopted in dealing with all the countries in the world on the basis of mutual respect and common interests.

King Hussein has many times warned against the danger of international polarisation on the interests and the issues of the Arab Nation. He pointed out that this polarisation annuls the Arab role and limits the Arab states' independence and freedom of action to defend themselves and restore their usurped rights.

Jordan is once again calling for a solution to the Palestinian problem and for putting an end to the Iraqi-Iranian war, since this would lead to the establishment of peace and security in the region.

Portugal trying hard to qualify for modern Europe

By Clare Lovell
Reuter

LISBON — Eight years after a half century of right wing dictatorship, the country is struggling with political, economic and social problems while trying to win a place in modern Europe.

Since a group of young officers ousted the government of Marcelo Caetano on April 25, 1974, Portugal has experienced different shades of political opinion in successive governments, most of which have only lasted a few months.

The current right-wing Democratic Alliance coalition of Social Democrats, Christian Democrats and the tiny Monarchist party is under constant attack from the opposition Communist and Socialist parties and from within.

Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemão has already been forced to resign once, last autumn, when a minority in his party withdrew their support saying he was betraying the policies of the democratic alliance. He returned to power as he was the only candidate with sufficient overall support within the alliance. Mr. Balsemão agreed to form a new

government if his party critics kept silent. But recently the voices of dissent have been raised again.

Reform of 1976 constitution

Much of the political controversy which has bogged down Parliament and given the impression of a government unable to get anything done, concerns the reform of Portugal's 1976 constitution.

The document, drawn up amid revolutionary fervour, commits the country to a socialist future, ruling out a market economy, and is out of step with Portugal's hopes of joining the European common market and Western European democracy.

While an inter-party commission works on the changes, the issue has been further complicated by the intervention of President Antonio Ramalho Eanes who indicated he would resign if his powers were curbed in the revision. One of the aims of the alliance in revising the constitution was to steer Portugal away from a semi-presidential state, transferring the president's powers over the armed forces to the government and removing his ability to dismiss Parliament.

As the wrangling goes on, the

date for putting the new constitution before Parliament, originally set for April 25, slips further into the summer.

The economy is in a mess, aggravated by the pro-Soviet Communist party and the CGTP-1N union federation it represents proclaiming a general strike last February and saying they will organise strikes and unrest to bring down the government.

Although definitive figures have not yet been released, latest Bank of Portugal estimates show Portugal faces its largest ever current account deficit in 1981, which could reach \$2.6 billion.

Last year the government said it failed to keep to its planned inflation target of 16 per cent, overshooting by four percentage points. The price of basic foods, electricity and fuel have all risen sharply this year, leading to condemnation from workers expected to keep their pay claims below a government imposed ceiling of 17 per cent.

In a recent debate former Socialist Prime Minister Mario Soares called the wage ceiling unrealistic and a strategy to reduce the real value of salaries.

This government does not in the slightest degree serve the

national interest and the longer it continues the more ungovernable it will become," he said.

An image of ungovernability is not one Portugal wishes to convey to the European Economic Community (EEC) in its bid for membership. Since the beginning of the year Mr. Balsemão has made a series of trips to European capitals aimed at hastening Portugal's entry.

On a recent visit European Commission President Gaston Thorn chided Portugal for being slow in preparing its technical data and said only with hard work between now and the end of the year would Portugal join the EEC by its January 1984 target date.

In decisions on foreign policy affecting East-West relations and NATO, however, the Democratic Alliance government has been far from slow. It was quick to condemn the imposition of martial law in Poland and expelled two Soviet diplomats immediately to show its displeasure. Later several East bloc embassies reduced their diplomatic staffs at the government's request.

Portugal's hard line approach to the East reflects its anxiety about its own Communist Party which opposes the government and

whose leader, Alvaro Cunhal, last month became the first West European Communist leader to visit Poland since martial law was declared.

But Portugal's most successful moves in foreign policy have been in patching up relations with its former African colonies which fought against colonial rule for 13 years before being given independence after the 1974 Portuguese revolution.

President Eanes, who has led the efforts towards reconciliation, returned home from a triumphal visit to Angola, the first by a Western head of state since independence brought a Marxist government to power there in 1976, following a civil war.

Among his party were 15 Portuguese businessmen, a sign of Portugal's growing efforts to forge trade links with Portuguese-speaking Africa, a move welcomed by Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos who spoke of great possibilities of developing economic cooperation with Portugal.

Because of its historical connections, President Eanes believes Portugal can act as a bridge between the rest of Western Europe and the former Portuguese colonies.

Strong pressures to keep Sirhan in jail

By Ronald Clarke
Reuter

LOS ANGELES — On a steamy night in June 1968 senator Robert Kennedy delivered a victory speech at a Los Angeles hotel.

"I think we can end the divisions within the United States," he declared after winning the Democratic party's California primary election in the presidential race. "We are a great country, an unselfish country and a compassionate country."

Senator Kennedy, a supporter of Israel, walked into the hotel's kitchen on his way to his car. Then a small, wiry Palestinian, Sirhan Sirhan, hiding in the kitchen, pointed a revolver at the senator and shot him in the head.

Almost 14 years later, Sirhan,

now model prisoner b-21014, last week appeared before a parole board in Soledad prison, 480 km north of Los Angeles, amid a storm of demands that his release date, set for September 1, 1984, be cancelled.

By that time Sirhan, 38, will have served 16 years, three years more than the average here for murder. He is serving a life term after an original death sentence was commuted.

The board set the hearings to review its earlier decision on Sirhan's 1984 release date after a wave of protest. Forty-two members of the U.S. House of Representatives, the district attorney for Los Angeles and citizens' groups have demanded that the boy-looking Sirhan should remain in the prison for murdering the brother of the late President

John Kennedy.

U.S. Congresswoman Bobbi Fiedler, who represents a Los Angeles district, said she and 41 other members of the House of Representatives believed a political assassination represented more than the murder of an individual. The Los Angeles district attorney, John Van De Kamp, alleged in a petition that Sirhan had threatened to kill Senator Edward Kennedy, the sole surviving Kennedy brother, and President Reagan when he was Governor of California.

But a report by board investigators said convicted murderer Lawrence Wilson, who claimed to have heard Sirhan say he would "take care of" Senator Edward Kennedy after his release, had refused to take a lie-detector test.

The investigators said Wilson had been described by prison officers as an opportunist. The investigators also challenged statements by other convicts that Sirhan had threatened to kill President Reagan.

The special hearing before the board is expected to last up to two weeks, and the prosecutor's office said he will call at least 20 witnesses. Sirhan's lawyer, Luke McKissack, said his witnesses will include Sirhan. Sirhan, who escaped the gas chamber when the California Supreme Court ruled the death penalty was unconstitutional, has denied making threats and has expressed remorse over the death of Robert Kennedy and the plight of his widow and children.

"I don't think of myself as a killer," he said in a newspaper interview. "I'm just a human being like everybody else." He spends his days in semi-isolation with 124 other convicts in a special security wing of Soledad, confined to a world of cells, a barred community area and a small recreation yard. "Someone could always attack Sirhan just for the publicity," a prison official said.

Sirhan has taken a general education course and prison officials said he has consistently received top marks. They said he keeps himself very much to himself, stays fit by working with weights and has become a model prisoner. He was originally due to have been released in 1986, but the date was moved up two years because of his good behaviour.

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CHANNEL 3	Time	Programme
4:30	7:00	Koran
4:50	7:10	Remey
5:10	7:30	Cartoons
5:30	7:50	Shadbad
6:20	8:40	Lobo
7:00	9:00	Programme Preview
7:05	9:05	Arabic Competition Programme
7:10	9:10	Programme on Women
7:15	9:15	News in Arabic
7:20	9:20	Arabic Series
7:25	9:25	Arabic Play
7:30	9:30	Arabic Play
7:35	9:35	News Summary

CHANNEL 6	Time	Programme
6:00	7:00	French Programme
7:00	7:30	News in French
7:30	7:50	News in Hebrew
8:30	8:50	One in a Million
9:10	9:30	King's Crossing
10:10	10:30	News in English
10:15	10:35	Movie of the Week: "Baby Comes Home"

FOR FRIDAY

CHANNEL 3	Time	Programme
10:00	10:30	Koran
10:20	10:50	Children's programme
11:00	11:30	Popeye
11:30	12:00	Religious Programme
12:00	12:30	The Muppet Show
12:25	12:55	The World We Live In
14:00	14:30	Soccer
15:00	15:30	Emergency
16:25	16:55	The Waltons
17:30	18:00	Science and Life
18:00	18:30	Western Theatre
19:30	20:00	Feature Film
20:00	20:30	Religious Programme
20:40	21:10	News in Arabic
20:50	21:20	Arabic Series
21:30	22:00	Local Variety Programme
22:00	22:30	Arabic series
23:00	23:30	News in Arabic

CHANNEL 6

Time	Programme
6:00	French Programme
7:00	News in French
7:30	News in Hebrew

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11:00	News Summary
11:30	Instrumentals
12:00	News Summary
12:30	Pop Session
13:00	News Summary
13:30	Pop Session
14:00	News Summary
14:30	My World!
15:00	Melody Time
15:30	News Desk
16:00	Evening Show
16:30	Music
17:00	Evening Show
17:30	News Summary
18:00	Evening Show
18:30	Close down

FOR FRIDAY

Time	Programme
7:00	Sign on
7:10	Morning Show
7:30	News Bulletin
7:40	Morning Show
8:00	News Summary
8:30	Pop Session
9:00	Listeners' Choice
9:30	Friday Special
10:00	News Headlines
10:30	Instrumentals
11:00	News Summary
11:30	Pop Session
12:00	News Summary
12:30	News
13:00	Jordan Weekly
14:00	Music
14:30	Concert Hour

News Summary

Time	Programme
16:00	News Summary
16:30	Old Favorites
16:50	Pop Session
17:00	News Summary
17:30	Top Twenty
18:00	News Desk
18:30	25 Years of Rock
19:30	Discovering Music
21:00	Jazz Hour
22:00	Close down

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Pound sinks following loss of British destroyer

LONDON (R) — The pound sterling came under pressure Wednesday following the loss of a British destroyer off the Falkland Islands but recovered some ground later on market hopes of a possible early ceasefire.

The pound fell to a six-month low of 4.17 West German marks in early trading in Frankfurt and dropped to \$1.7960 in London as dealers on the volatile foreign exchange markets in

Europe reacted nervously to first major British losses in the conflict with Argentina.

But reports that the British war cabinet was holding an emergency meeting after a Peruvian proposal of a 48-hour ceasefire in the South Atlantic fighting helped the pound recover much of its losses, dealers said. By midday, the currency was trading at \$1.8045 and at 4.1905 marks.

The escalation in the fighting

boosted gold on U.S. west coast markets Tuesday night, but after opening on London bullion markets at \$344, it slipped to \$338. This was the lowest since the early days of the Falklands crisis a month ago and reflected the metal's fundamental weakness at present, dealers said.

The London stock market steadied after a weaker opening. The Financial Times index of leading shares was eight points lower at 576.2 by lunchtime.

Argentina devalues peso

BUENOS AIRES (R) — The Argentine government Wednesday devalued the peso by almost 17 per cent against the dollar to a new rate of 14,000, an official announcement said.

The peso had been trading on international markets earlier Wednesday at around 11,950 to the dollar, but it has sunk lower on the black market here since the Falkland Islands crisis.

The peso has declined steadily since it was worth 2,200 to the dollar at the beginning of last year. High inflation, now well over 140 per cent, has been the main cause.

When the Falklands were seized from Britain early last month the exchange rate was 11,650.

IDB lends Turkey \$35m

BAHRAIN — The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Tuesday agreed a loan of \$35 million to Turkey to finance crude oil imports from Iraq, the official Saudi press agency said.

The bank will also lend about \$6 million to the Development Bank of Indonesia to finance cottage industries.

Britain, France discuss Concorde fate

PARIS (R) — Britain's minister of state at the department of industry, Mr. Norman Lamont, arrived here Wednesday for talks which will decide the future of the Anglo-French supersonic airliner Concorde.

The talks with French Transport Minister Charles Fiterman will cover options ranging from cancellation to allowing development of Concorde and any possible successors to continue uninterrupted, informed sources said.

France has already made clear its opposition to cancelling the

project, although Air France, with British Airways the plane's only operators, has halted its service to Rio de Janeiro and Caracas.

Mr. Lamont is expected to try and persuade France to contribute more to support Concorde already in service.

According to figures released by Britain's Department of Industry last year, London would be paying out £238 million (\$428 million), 58.6 per cent, of the total support costs for Concorde from 1976 to 1983.

Aircraft industry sources here

said the biggest threat to Concorde's future lay in any hefty increase in fuel costs.

Both British Airways and Air France say they make money on

the aircraft's North Atlantic run. Britain maintains that whatever decisions are taken over Concorde, they must be taken in agreement, with neither side acting unilaterally.

U.S. car sales drop by 6.6%

DETROIT (R) — Sales of U.S.-built cars in April totaled 498,630 compared with 533,724 in April last year, a fall of 6.6 per cent, according to the car companies. It was the seventh successive month of declines and comprised the entire 1982 model year to date, which began on October 1, 1981.

The year-to-date domestic car sales totaled 1,899,318, down 16.2 per cent from 2,266,193 in the comparable 1981 period.

U.S. imposes quotas on sugar imports

WASHINGTON (R) — A senior administration official said that President Reagan Tuesday decided to impose strict quotas on sugar imports, a widely-anticipated move that has already angered exporting countries and U.S. refiners.

The official, who attended an hour-long special cabinet meeting where Mr. Reagan made his decision, told Reuters that the quotas probably would be applied on a country-by-country basis. He said details would be announced soon. Import quotas would be certain to affect Australia, the Dominican Republic, Brazil, the Philippines and other countries.

The official reported virtually no disagreement within the

administration on the need for import quotas to prevent the government from having to buy large amounts of domestic sugar under a price support programme.

Administration budget experts have estimated that, unless quotas were imposed, a glut of supplies in the United States could cost the government one billion dollars to keep prices at an artificial level.

Australia and other exporting nations have complained that they would be discriminated against if the United States gave preferential treatment to Caribbean countries.

Foreign policy advisers have urged that Caribbean producers be given a special status, as part of Mr. Reagan's programme to help

the region. Trade sources have said however that extra imports from the Caribbean might violate international trade rules.

Domestic growers have said they would welcome import quotas, last imposed in 1974. But the proposal was criticised by some members of Congress as well as refiners.

Congressman Peter Peyser, one of the most outspoken critics of the domestic price support programme, has predicted that quotas would boost the cost of sugar for consumers.

He is considering legislation to prevent import restrictions along with another bill that would repeal price supports.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.8018/28	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2230/33	Canadian dollars
	2.3240/50	West German marks
	2.5760/90	Dutch guilders
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	43.75/80	Belgian francs
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	235.30/45	Japanese yen
	5.7940/60	Swedish crowns
	5.9850/70	Norwegian crowns
	7.9030/60	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	336.00/338.00	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market was weak Wednesday after the overnight sinking of a British destroyer by the Argentine forces, dealers said.

Trading was dominated by rumours concerning the Falklands dispute and nervousness kept volume at a low level throughout, they added. At 1500 the F.T. index was down 10 points at 574.2 compared with 570.1 at 1000.

GEC ended 5p lower at 862 after 852 and Thorn ended down 13p at 420. Lloyds and Natwest fell 7p and 8p respectively but Barclays and Midland were unchanged on balance. Gold shares drifted with the bullion price.

Sainsbury ended unchanged at 650 after higher pre-tax results and a one for one capitalisation while P and O added 5p to 144, also after full year results.

However, General Accident's estimated pre-tax loss of £11.1 million shocked the market and the share price ended 10p lower at 288. Discount house Smith St. Aubyn fell 4p to 35 after reporting a net loss of £2.75 million.

Government bonds ended with net losses stretching to 1 1/2 point on the Falklands developments and weaker sterling.

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SPORTS

Argentina, Australia, Spain, U.S. win
1st round matches in team tennis meet

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (R)—Argentina, Australia, Spain and the United States won their first round matches in the World Team Tennis Cup Tuesday.

The Americans beat West Germany 3-0, Australia beat Italy 3-0, Spain beat Sweden 2-1 and

Argentina beat France 2-1. Gene Mayer, picking up where he left off when rain stopped play Monday, beat West German Uli Pinner 6-1, 6-3.

Elliott Teltscher faced a harder task against West German number one Rolf Gehring before

winning the second singles 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Mayer and Sherwood Stewart then combined to beat Christoph Zips and Hans-Dieter Beutel 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

Spain came back from defeat in the opening singles to beat the young Swedish team. Mats Wilander topped Spain's Jose Higueras 6-3, 7-6, but Manuel Orantes, at 33 the oldest man in the tournament, overcame Sweden's Anders Jarryd 1-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Higueras and Angel Gimeno trounced Jarryd and Stefan Simonsson 6-1, 6-3 in the deciding doubles.

Argentina avenged the Davis Cup defeat inflicted on them by France a few months ago. Guillermo Vilas, ranked fourth in the world, beat France's Yannick Noah 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 and Ricardo Cano made it 2-0 to Argentina by beating Gilles Moretton 6-2, 6-4.

Noah and Pascal Portes beating Vilas and Cano 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 in an academic doubles.

Toyota wins
men's 200m

HIROSHIMA, Japan (R)—Japanese sprinter Toshio Toyota beat two Hungarians to win the men's 200 metres in 20.9 seconds in an international athletics meeting here Wednesday.

Toyota was followed by compatriot Susumu Takano in 21.2 with Istvan Nagy of Hungary third in 21.3 and Ujhelya fourth in 21.7.

Africans supply the thrills at 3rd
World Amateur Boxing Championships

MUNICH, West Germany (R)—East Europeans provided the science but Africans supplied the thrills on the opening day of the third World Amateur Boxing Championships Tuesday.

Predictably, fighters from East Europe usually had the edge over their opponents with their superior defensive technique and better overall physical condition. But the real excitement, and the day's only upset, came when the less-sophisticated Africans entered the ring, throwing caution to the wind as they endeavored to inflict the maximum possible damage in the minimum possible time.

Christopher Ossai of Nigeria set the tone when he demolished Canada's Greg Gayle in a light-weight preliminary. He chased the hapless Gayle non-stop around the ring. It was an act of mercy for East German referee Horst Herel to stop the contest in the third round.

Another African lightweight, Hussein Khalil of Kenya, also had the crowd cheering when he won a split decision over the Soviet Union's Sergei Michnik.

Michnik appeared to have Khalil's measure, but dropped valuable points attempting to mix it with the rugged Kenyan instead of trying to outbox him.

In the evening session, Zaire's Tshiamala Kalenga tore into Jovan Crivokrak of Yugoslavia in a welterweight preliminary with such abandon that at times he looked in danger of falling over in his eagerness to land a knock-out

blow. But Kalenga showed he was no mere slugger. He bewildered the Yugoslav with the speed of his punching and his fast footwork around the ring.

The major African triumph came near the end of the day when Kenya's Kamau Kanyoke won a 4-1 points decision against Moscow Olympic welterweight bronze medalist Karl-Heinz Kruger of East Germany.

Watford promoted to English Division
One for first time in their history

LONDON (R)—Ross Jenkins hit two goals Tuesday night and took Watford into the English soccer League first division for the first time in their 91-year history.

Jenkins, who played for the club in their fourth division days five years ago, struck in each half to give Watford a 2-0 second division promotion win over Wrexham.

Arsenal improved their chances of European soccer next season when a Chris Whyte goal gave them victory at Birmingham.

The 1-0 win moved the London side into sixth place in Division

The bout was initially awarded to Kruger, prompting a chorus of boos from the audience, before the judge realised his mistake and reversed his decision.

Cuba's Angel Herrera, the Olympic lightweight champion, had a predictable win over Japan's Yukito Arai although he was obviously surprised at the resistance Arai put up.

One above Southampton who shared a 10-goal thriller with Coventry.

Mark Hateley gave Coventry a hard-earned point by completing a hat-trick in the 89th minute.

Sunderland went ahead of struggling Birmingham with a 1-1 draw at West Ham, but Leeds plunged deeper into trouble when Everton's Graham Sharp hit a 55th minute decider.

Brighton did Leeds a slight favour by ending a run of five successive defeats with a 2-0 home win over relegation favourites Wolverhampton.

Poland dazzles Spanish fans with
a 4-1 victory over Athletic Bilbao

BILBAO, Spain (R)—World Cup qualifier Poland gave Spanish fans a dazzling display of soccer skill Tuesday night, beating Athletic Bilbao 4-1 (halftime 2-0) in a friendly warm-up match.

The East Europeans proved vastly superior to the Spanish first division side in cold and rainy conditions that made for a slippery and treacherous pitch at the half-filled San Mames stadium.

The Poles opened the scoring after three minutes when left back Jolocha slotted the ball passed Bilbao goalie Zubizarreta from close range. They followed this up in the 25th when Iwan scored with a cross-shot.

Wasting no time, the visitors added a third goal one minute into the second half when Janos capitalised on a clumsy Bilbao defence, to put the ball past a wrong-footed keeper.

But the home side were quick to counter-attack. Two minutes later, Bilbao midfielder Gallego struck a thundering left-footed shot from outside the area that left Polish goalie Minarczyk helpless.

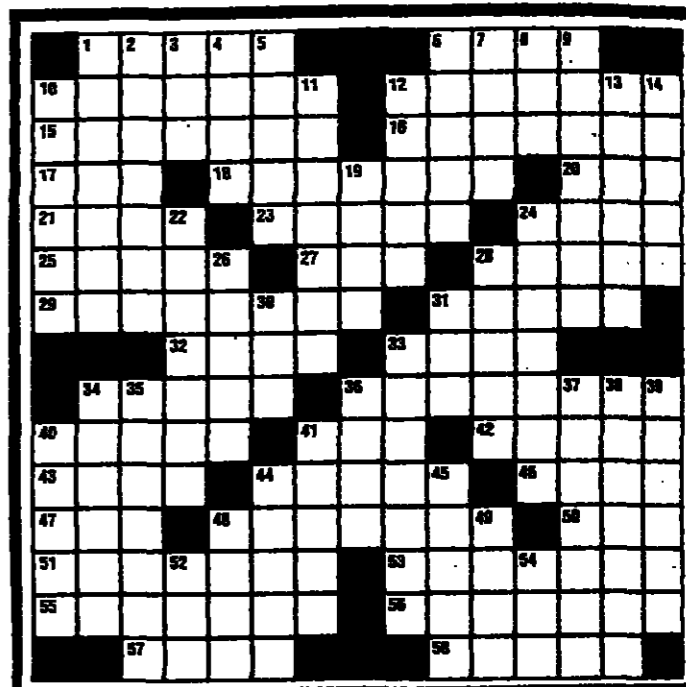
Several minutes later though, another defensive error by Bilbao left lone Polish winger Smolarek to tap home an easy shot after beating goalie Zubizarreta who had rushed from the box in a desperate attempt to foil the attack.

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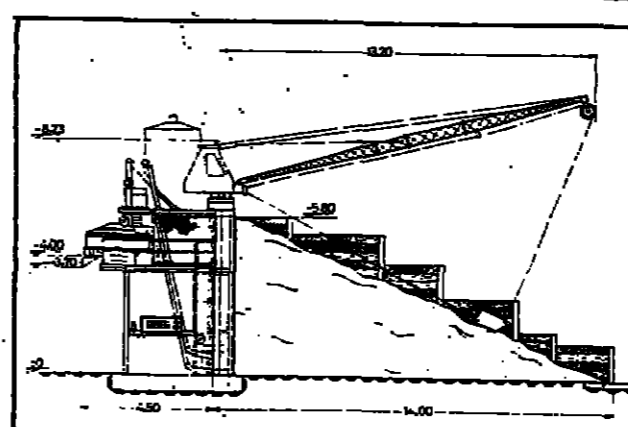
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WORLD

Gunmen kill nuclear plant director in Basque region

BILBAO, Spain (R) — Suspected separatist guerrillas Wednesday shot dead the director of a nuclear plant under construction in Spain's Basque region in an apparent attempt to stop the plant coming into operation.

Police said two men fired pistols at Angel Pascual Mugica as he drove to work with his 16-year-old son. His two bodyguards returned fire but the gunmen escaped in a waiting car.

Mr. Pascual, 45, hit by several bullets in the head and chest, died on the spot. His son suffered hand wounds.

Police said the attack appeared to have been mounted by ETA (Basque homeland and freedom) guerrillas who killed the plant's chief engineer last year and had sent death threats to other technicians working on the Lemonz plant.

Separatist guerrillas say the twin 930-megawatt reactor at

Lemoniz, 15 kilometres from Bilbao, is too close to densely populated areas.

Repeated ETA bomb attacks on power facilities have cost Iberduero, the utility company building the Lemonz plant, more than \$25 million over the past two years.

The Spanish government has rejected a call from Basque

Curfew back in Poland

WARSAW (R) — Poland's military rulers, concerned by a wave of street clashes in major cities, have reimposed an overnight curfew they lifted just three days ago.

Responding to defiant demonstrations by supporters of the suspended trade union Solidarity, the authorities also cut telephone links in Warsaw and other centres and closed down places of entertainment.

Interior Minister Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak said disturbances had spilled over into Tuesday in the northwestern port of Szczecin. In other places the security forces had restored calm on Monday night, he added.

But police were still on the alert in Warsaw, with armed patrols in central streets.

Gen. Kiszczak said 72 riot police had been injured in clashes throughout the country.

There was no information on the number of protesters hurt, but Western reporters in Warsaw saw dozens of people injured in police baton charges, or hit by teargas canisters or flares fired by police.

Armenians kill Turkish aide in U.S.

BOSTON (R) — Turkey's honorary consul-general for New England was shot dead Tuesday and a guerrilla group calling itself the Justice Commandos of the Armenian Genocide claimed responsibility.

It was the second killing of a Turkish diplomat in the U.S. this year. It was also the latest in a series of attacks against Turks by the group which says it is avenging a 1915 slaughter of 1.5 million Armenians by Turkish soldiers. Turkey has denied that any such massacre took place.

Police said a lone gunman pumped up to nine bullets into Orhan Gunduz, 60, as his car moved slowly through early evening traffic some 45 metres from the police headquarters in Somerville, a Boston suburb.

Police, who believe the gunman used a nine millimetre pistol, said he shot point blank through the car's windshield and side window. Mr. Gunduz kept moving and rammed a fence.

The Justice Commandos telephoned journalists to claim responsibility for the killing.

The commandos have said in anonymous messages that they have carried out attacks against Turks in 10 countries, including the killings by two men on a motorcycle of a Turkish diplomat and his bodyguard in a Sydney suburb 18 months ago.

Other anti-Turk groups, including the Lebanon-based Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) stormed the Turkish consulate in Paris last September and set off a bomb in a Paris railway station two months later.

Hoare: CIA knew about Seychelles plot

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa (R) — The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was aware of a plan to overthrow the Seychelles government last year, Col. Mike Hoare said at the trial Tuesday of 43 men facing charges arising from an alleged plane hijack.

Col. Hoare and the other defendants are alleged to have hijacked an Air India Boeing after an abortive coup attempt in the Seychelles last November.

He said he had approached an unnamed CIA agent in Pretoria and told him of the planned coup in an attempt to get tacit U.S. approval.

Col. Hoare said the CIA had shown interest but was "extremely timid."

"The interest of America stemmed from the strategic value of the Seychelles," he said.

Col. Hoare, giving evidence for the second day, said he told his men they could look forward to Kenyan, American and CIA backing.

All the defendants have pleaded not guilty.

authorities for a regional referendum on the Lemonz plant.

Wednesday's attack came three hours before an agreement came into effect opening the way for the plant to become operational.

The tripartite agreement between Iberduero, the Spanish government and the Basque regional government provides for public control through a management company run by the Basque government.

Work on the nearly-completed two-billion dollar plant resumed earlier this week, company sources said.

It had been virtually paralysed since the guerrillas killed chief engineer Jose Maria Ryan in February last year after their demands to demolish the plant were ignored.

Bomb damages French mosque

ROMANS-SUR-ISERE, France (R) — A hitherto unknown organisation has claimed responsibility for a bomb attack which destroyed a newly-built mosque in this southeastern town two days ago, police said Wednesday.

Police said a group calling itself "The Organisation for the Liberation of France" had made two separate telephone calls to the mayor's office in Romans, one of which threatened more attacks.

The mosque was due to be opened next month by Communications Minister Georges Fillard, who is also mayor of Romans.

Defence: Hinckley lives in troubled fantasies

WASHINGTON (R) — Lawyers for John Hinckley, charged with attempting to assassinate President Reagan, are seeking to portray him as a highly troubled young man living in a fantasy world.

During opening arguments Tuesday, chief defence lawyer Vincent Fuller told a jury of seven women and five men that Mr. Hinckley was a failure at almost everything he tried and had become increasingly isolated and consumed by fantasy.

Detailing what he called Mr. Hinckley's troubled mental history over the past several years, Mr. Fuller said he had once stood with a gun and contemplated suicide outside the apartment building where ex-beatle John Lennon was murdered.

Mr. Fuller also said at one time

Mr. Hinckley, 26, considered killing actress Jodie Foster. Both the prosecution and defence contend the assassination attempt on Mr. Reagan was somehow connected to Mr. Hinckley's infatuation with Miss Foster.

Prosecutor Roger Adelman told the jury the shooting on March 30, 1981, in which Mr. Reagan and three others were seriously wounded, was "a deliberate, planned, indeed a calculated act."

Mr. Adelman said he would present evidence showing Mr. Hinckley stalked President Carter on two occasions, loaded the gun used in his attempt on Mr. Reagan with highly lethal "devastator" bullets, which exploded on impact, and practised in firing range targets with human silhouettes.

Peking sacks veteran

PEKING (R) — China's veteran deputy foreign minister, Han Nianlong, has been removed in the latest stage of an extensive government reshuffle aimed at trimming the country's sprawling bureaucracy.

The New China News Agency (NCNA) said Wednesday that Mr. Han, who held the post since 1964, had been replaced as senior deputy foreign minister by Wu Xueqian, until now vice-director of the Communist Party's international liaison department which handles relations with foreign Communist parties.

Diplomatic sources said Mr. Wu

was aged 61, spoke good English and was widely respected by colleagues for his firm grasp of international affairs.

Only two of the former nine deputy foreign ministers retain their posts—Zhang Wenjin, who has responsibility for North American affairs, and Gong Dafei, a former ambassador to Zaire.

Apart from the foreign ministry, which now has six vice-ministers, most departments now have between two and four deputy ministers, as was proposed in March when Premier Zhao Ziyang announced the first stage of the trimming of the bureaucracy.

Until now some ministries had over a dozen deputy ministers. The department with the largest number of vice-ministers is the state planning commission which has 10.

The appointment of the new deputy ministers follows the removal Tuesday of 11 out of 13 vice-premiers.

Jakarta accused of poll rigging

JAKARTA (R) — The ruling Golkar Party surged ahead Wednesday with two-thirds of the votes counted in Indonesia's general elections, but the main opposition party accused the government of widespread voting irregularities.

Muslim United Development (PPP) party Deputy Chairman Nuddin Lubis alleged that a large number of voters were given two ballot papers in an attempt to distort the election results.

Some voters in PPP strongholds also did not receive voting cards despite protests by his party, he told foreign newsmen.

He said irregularities were more widespread in Tuesday's elections for a new parliament than in 1977 when the PPP upset Golkar in Jakarta.

According to latest provisional returns announced by the National Election Board, the military-backed Golkar has secured 43 per cent of the 56 million votes counted.

Despite earlier fears of violence during the polling, the elections, the fourth since the country's independence in 1945, were peaceful and orderly, police said.

Mr. Lubis said there would be public "reaction" if the election results were found to be deliberately distorted, adding: "It will be difficult to predict the emotional actions of the public. Let us hope there will be no trouble."

In the crucial Jakarta elections, which serve as a barometer of the popularity of President Suharto's government, the PPP was trailing behind Golkar by nearly 200,000 votes.

If the trend continued, political analysts estimated, Golkar would win six seats against PPP's five with the PDI gaining one. In the 1977 elections, the PPP and Golkar won five seats each in the Indonesian capital, but the Muslim party captured more of the popular votes. Full official results for the whole country are not expected to be known for several days.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Turkish premier to visit Turkish Cypriots

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Prime Minister Bülend Ecevit will visit the Turkish Community's Region of Cyprus later this month, the first Turkish premier to go there since the island was split in 1974, government sources said on Wednesday. Two months ago Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu visited the island, delighting the Greek Cypriot majority but upsetting the Turkish Cypriot minority. It was the first visit to Cyprus by a Greek premier for over 20 years. The sources said Mr. Ecevit, appointed prime minister after the Turkish military coup in Sept. 1980, had accepted an invitation from Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş, but no exact date had been set for the visit. They said the main topic for discussion would be the United Nations-backed intercommunal talks on the future of the island.

Eritrean rebels allegedly kidnap children

ADDIS ABABA (R) — Eritrean secessionists have abducted children to fight Ethiopian government troops laying siege to their mountain stronghold, according to captured rebels interviewed by the official Ethiopian News Agency (ENA). They told ENA that children aged between 12 and 14 had been taken from their parents in the strategic Red Sea province and forced to fight alongside the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) guerrillas. ENA quoted the rebels as saying the EPLF base at Nakfa was encircled by government troops and the guerrillas were short of food, water and medicine.

Riyadh promises aid to Dacca

DACCA (R) — Saudi Arabia has promised generous material aid to Bangladesh's development efforts, military ruler Lt.-Gen. Hossain Mohammad Ershad said Tuesday on his return from a three-day visit to the kingdom. He told newsmen at Dacca airport his adviser for finance, A.M. Muhihi, would visit Riyadh soon for talks with Saudi officials on future assistance. Gen. Ershad described his first visit abroad since he took over the government in a bloodless coup in March as "very fruitful." He said his talks with King Khalid and Saudi government leaders had covered the situation in the Middle East, Afghanistan and other international problems. He indicated that both sides agreed on the need for total withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan and allowing the Afghans to determine their own future.

Numeiri upholds Egypt as example

CAIRO (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has urged Arab countries to follow the example of Egypt and negotiate with Israel for the liberation of their lands still under occupation. In an interview with the Cairo newspaper Al-Ahram, published Wednesday, Mr. Numeiri said: "Egypt has succeeded in regaining its land through war and peace. The road is now open for the Arabs to benefit from the same options." Mr. Numeiri, who supported Egypt's peace moves, said negotiations with Israel proved beneficial after the return of Sinai to Egypt last month.

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GOREN BRIDGE

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Both vulnerable. East deals.

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♥ A 8 4
♦ A 5 4 2
♣ 10

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♥ 7
♦ K Q J 10 9 6 5
♣ K J 9 8 6 5 3

WEST
♠ 6 2
♥ K J 5
♦ K Q J 10 9 6 5
♣ Q 4

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 4
♥ Q 10 9 6 3 2
♦ 7
♣ A 7 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass Pass 3 ♦ Pass
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: King of ♦.

When a trump promotion succeeds, you might get your name in a bridge column. When it fails, you could end up being the goat.

Once East passed, West saw no game in the hand, so he chose an opening preempt. South backed into the auction on minimum values because he knew that his partner had to have a good hand, and North could not resist going on to game.

West led his top diamond, taken by the ace. Declarer came to hand with a diamond ruff and led a spade to the king and ace. East continued with the jack of spades to declarer's queen. After cashing the ace of clubs and

ruffing a club on the table, declarer led a diamond. East thought his trump had little use, so he ruffed in the hope that he could establish something in his partner's hand. Declarer overruffed, ruffed another club in dummy, then ruffed dummy's last diamond. This was the position:

NORTH
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♥ A
♦ —
♣ —

EAST
♠ 10
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WEST
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♥ K J 5
♦ Q
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SOUTH
♠ 9
♥ Q 10 6
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With eight tricks in the bank, declarer now exited with his spade. Since his side would score only two trump tricks if he ruffed, West discarded his diamond. East won the spade and was forced to return a club. Declarer ruffed with the six, and West was caught in a smother play. No matter what he did, he could score only one trump trick.

Note the difference if East had not squandered his trump. In the end position he could return his trump, and West would remain with the K-J of trumps over the Q-10. The defenders would win three of the last four tricks to set the contract one trick.

NATO to boost conventional forces

MONS, Belgium (R) — NATO's supreme commander in Europe, Gen. Bernard Rogers, has detailed a plan aimed at turning the nuclear tables on Moscow by the end of the decade.

He said he wants to boost NATO's conventional forces, which would force the decision to escalate a conflict on an aggressor. It would either have to withdraw or use nuclear weapons first.

NATO's flexible response doctrine envisages first use of nuclear weapons if conventional forces failed to deter or stop an attack.

Gen. Rogers expressed his views in an interview with Reuters just before Wednesday's North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) defence ministers meeting. He said his force proposals for 1983-88 were now under discussion by NATO political authorities.

Gen. Rogers said such a programme could be funded with an average four per cent real increase a year in defence spending alliance-wide, including the United States, provided that the force goals and timescales were fulfilled.

He said that in present circumstances it was only a matter of time before a decision by NATO to go nuclear would have to be taken in case of an all-out Warsaw Pact conventional attack.

"That is why it is so important that we don't declare, as McNamara, McGeorge Bundy and others would like us to do, that there will be no first use of nuclear weapons by us," he said.

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Gen. Rogers, giving the interview in the office used until three years ago by Alexander Haig, his predecessor as Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), said he was aiming at conventional forces capable of holding the lead divisions of a Warsaw Pact thrust until the following waves could be successfully engaged before they joined the battle.

He said the goal could be reached if NATO nations fulfilled his force proposals within the suggested timescale.

A just-released NATO study on force comparisons between the organisation and the Warsaw Pact noted deficiencies on the Western side in Central Europe in deployment and lines of supply running too near the parallel to the border.

Gen. Rogers said the second problem arose from the France's withdrawal from NATO's military wing in 1966. But he thought France would join the allies in a war.

As for deployment of units in West Germany, with U.S. forces mostly in the south while the main danger of an attack would be in the northern plains, he noted that a U.S. brigade had been brought into northern West Germany as the nucleus of a U.S. army corps in a war.

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